

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : David J. Hammond and Emma L. Medina  
Appn. No. : Not yet known  
Filed : October 24, 2001  
For : A NOVEL METHOD OF DETECTING AND ISOLATING PRION  
PROTEIN AND VARIANTS THEREOF, AND NOVEL METHODS  
OF DIAGNOSING AND TREATING PRION DISEASES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 30-40 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue prosecution of these claims in a later-filed application.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. If any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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